Harijan Hostel for Tiruvannamalai

* 2665 Q.—Sri R. THANGAVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 7th January 1954, from Sri R. Thangavelu, M.L.A., in his letter, dated 7th January 1954, requesting them to run a Harijan Hostel at Tiruvannamalai, North Arcot district; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suitable instructions were issued to the Director of Harijans Welfare. He has now reported that orders have been issued for the opening of a hostel at Tiruvannamalai during the current school year, 1955–56.

Pay and service conditions of the Police personnel

* 2666 Q.—Sri C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scales of pay and service conditions applicable to the City Police personnel were brought on a par with those of the mufassal Police personnel in 1947;

(b) if so, whether the service conditions and scales of pay of those recruited before 1947 were also changed.

(c) whether there are any special conditions of recruitment for those who are enlisted to the Madras City Police; and

(d) if so what they are?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) The scales of pay and the conditions of service of the City Police personnel were not altered in 1947. The scales of pay and conditions of service of both the Madras City Police and the District Executive Force have been the same since 1st April 1929.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Conference of District Board Presidents

* 2667 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Conference of District Board Presidents, of this State was held early in March 1955 in the Secretariat;

(b) if so, whether the decision of the Conference has been communicated to the Government; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?